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METHOD OF CONTROLLING
ELECTROSTATIC CHARGES OF
COLOR MATERIAL IN THE INK

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of March 8, 2004, Applicant submits the following remarks in support of the patentability of the presently claimed invention over the disclosure of the reference relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these remarks.

Thus, the rejection of claims 1 and 3-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Baker et al. taken in view of the evidence in Ueda et al. is respectfully traversed.

In addition to Applicant's previous patentability arguments, Applicant points out that the process of the Baker et al. reference comprises:

- (a) forming a dispersion of a gel organosol in a carrier liquid;
- (b) adding at least one colorant;
- (c) phase separating a portion of the liquid from the dispersion; and
- (d) removing the liquid to form a concentrated colored dispersion.